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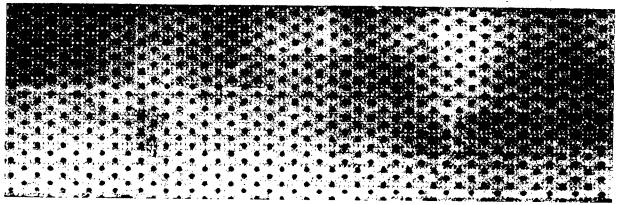
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Crippling of the BAS Organization

1. Arrests in the South Tirol in late July 1961 have severely crippled the underground Befreiungsaktion für Südtirol (BAS). Observers now state that the efficiency and tenscity of this recistance group were originally much overrated. Many BAS arrestees have broken down under Italian interrogation and have made possible the arrest of other BAS activists and the discovery of numerous explosives caches. Some observers doubt that the BAS can long continue in effective existence.

Procurement of German Natches

2. Underground groups in the South Tirol have procured a quantity of pociet watches from Germany to serve as components of time fuses for demolition charges.

Wolfgang Pfaundler

3. At the Immabruck Sanatorium der Kreuzschwestern in February 1961 a tumor the size of an infant's head was removed from the abdomen of Wolfging Pfaundler. He then went to West Germany to recuperate. in the apartment rented by him on Innsbruck's Haydnplatz. Upon his return from dermany in March Fraundler voluntarily appeared at police beadquarters for questioning. He claimed at that time that the explosives found in his spartment were not his but had been placed there by Italian agents. In view of Pfaundler's delicate state of health he was not arrested.

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4. Pfeundler is on closest friendly terms with Dr. Elmar Gemper of the South Tirol deak (Section II, Division 5) of the Austrian Foreign Ministry. Elmar Gemper is the son of Landscrat Hans Gemper of the Tirolean provincial government, one of Framdler's financial supporters.

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